

CLAIMS

What is claimed are:

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1. An assaying device for depositing and analyzing a sample, comprising of: a cartridge/cassette means which contains the test strip, a window for viewing the test results and a well/opening for deposit of the sample; and a cap/cover means for sealing the top of the sample well in a fluid tight relationship.
2. An assaying device according to claim 1, which when attached together, further comprising means for containment of the sample used in the test.
3. An assaying device according to claim 1, which when attached together, further comprising means for protection of the sample from contamination during the test.
4. An assaying device according to claim 1, which when attached together, further comprising means for protection of the test administrator against contact with the sample during the test administration.
5. An assaying device according to claim 1, which when attached together, further comprising means for protection of the test administrator and others processing the test cartridge against contact with the sample during subsequent handling of the cartridge.
6. An assaying device according to claim 1, which when attached together, further comprising means for containment of the sample during photocopying of the test results.
7. An assaying device according to claim 1, which when attached together, further comprising means for insuring that a second sample from another donor is not placed into the well/opening.
8. A drug screening device for depositing and analyzing a urine sample, comprising of: a cartridge/cassette means which contains the drug test strip, a window for viewing the results and a well/opening for deposit of the urine sample, and a cap/cover means for sealing the top of the sample well in a fluid tight relationship.

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9. A drug screening device according to claim 8, which when attached together, further comprising means for containment of the urine sample used in the drug test.
10. A drug screening device according to claim 8, which when attached together, further comprising means for protection of the urine sample from contamination during the drug test.
11. A drug screening device according to claim 8, which when attached together, further comprising means for protection of the test administrator against contact with the urine sample during the drug test administration.
12. A drug screening device according to claim 8, which when attached together, further comprising means for protection of the test administrator and others processing the drug test cartridge against contact with the urine sample during subsequent handling of the cartridge.
13. A drug screening device according to claim 8, which when attached together, further comprising means for containment of the urine sample during photocopying of the drug test results.
14. A drug screening device according to claim 8, which when attached together, further comprising means for insuring that a second urine sample from another donor is not placed into the well opening.
15. A cap/cover article which when attached onto a test cartridge/cassette containing a reagent test strip, window for viewing the test results and a well/opening in the top of the cartridge/cassette for deposit of the test sample, covers and seals the top of sample well in a fluid tight relationship.
16. A cap/cover article according to claim 15 which when attached onto a test cartridge/cassette further comprising means for containment of the sample used in the test.
17. A cap/cover article according to claim 15 which when attached onto a test cartridge/cassette further comprising means for protection of the sample from contamination during the test.

18. A cap/cover article according to claim 15 which when attached onto a test cartridge/cassette further comprising means for protection of the test administrator against contact with the sample during the test administration.

19. A cap/cover article according to claim 15 which when attached onto a test cartridge/cassette further comprising means for protection of the test administrator and others processing the test cartridge against contact with the sample during subsequent handling of the cartridge/cassette.

20. A cap/cover article according to claim 15 which when attached onto a test cartridge/cassette further comprising means for containment of the sample during photocopying of the test results.

21. A cap/cover article according to claim 15 which when attached onto a test cartridge/cassette further comprising means for insuring that a second sample from another donor is not placed into the well/opening.

22. An assaying device according to claim 1, whereby the top of the sample well is secured in a fluid tight relationship.

23. A method of securing the top of the sample well of an assaying test device in a fluid tight relationship, comprising the steps of: depositing the test sample into the sample well of the cartridge/cassette; attaching the cap/cover to cover and seal the top of the sample well.

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An assaying device composed of a test cartridge/cassette and cap/cover which when attached together provide protection from contact with and contamination of the tested sample, provide for easier, cleaner handling of the test cartridge/cassette and prevent intermixing of another sample.